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1. REF A DISCUSSED UPU DIRECTOR GENERAL'S PROPOSAL THAT PURSUANT TO ICSC RECOMMENDATION TO UNGA IN 1976, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REVISE STAFF REGS TO GRANT HIM AUTHORITY, AT HIS DISCRETION, TO INCREASE TERMINATION INDEMNITY BY UP TO FIFTY PERCENT. REF A STATED FURTHER THAT ALTHOUGH ICSC RECOMMENDED THIS AUTHORITY BE GIVEN BY UNGA TO EXECUTIVE HEADS OF ALL UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE UNGA FAILED TO APPROVE THIS PORTION OF ICSC RECOMMENDATIONS AND IN PARA THREE OF REF B, IT WAS STATED THAT UNGA "REJECTED THIS RECOMMENDATION". UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCORDINGLY, IN REF A PARA THREE, US REP WAS INSTRUCTED TO OPPOSE DG'S PROPOSAL AS A DEVIATION FROM UN COMMON SYSTEM.

2. IN UPU GG SUBGROUP MEETING ON MAY 6, US REP MADE STATEMENT ALONG LINES CONTAINED IN REFTELS. HE WAS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY UK REP WHO INFORMED GROUP THAT

UK DISAGREED WITH US POSITION, THAT INDEMNITY PAYMENT NOT "REJECTED" BY UNGA BUT RATHER IT WAS LEFT UP TO EACH INDIVIDUAL AGENCY AS TO WHETHER TO IMPLEMENT OR NOT. AND, ACCORDING, TO UK REP, UN ITSELF HAD ALREADY GIVEN THIS AUTHORITY TO SYG. THE UK REP EXPLAINED FURTHER THAT SHE THOUGHT THE PROPOSAL WAS A GOOD ONE, IN THAT IT OFFERED DG AN OPPORTUNITY OF GETTING RID OF A PERMANENT OFFICIAL WHO HAD BECOME LAZY OR GONE STALE ON THE JOB BY REACHING A FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH HIM AND NOT HAVING TO FIGHT OUT THE CASE IN VARIOUS UN TRIBUNALS OR TO GO THROUGH GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES, ETC.

- 3. MOST MEMBERS OF GROUP AGREED WITH UK REP AND THE US PROPOSAL WAS NOT SUPPORTED.
- 4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST RE SUBSTANCE OF UK COMMENTS. IF THEY ARE CORECT, US REP WAS PLACED IN EMBARRASSING AND UNTENABLE POSITION OF IMPLYING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS THAT DG WAS TRYING TO PULL A FAST ONE ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BY NOT INFORMING IT THAT "31ST GA REJECTED THIS RECOMMENDATION ..." (PARA THREE, REF B) WHEN SUCH WASNOT IN FACT THE CASE.SORENSON

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